



Superior Court of the State of California
County of Kings
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Termination of Guardianship
Packet Purchase Price: \$ 4.00

Guardianships terminate automatically when the minor child reaches the age of 18. No petition or court order is necessary to terminate the guardianship at that time. However, if the guardianship is for the estate of the minor, termination of the guardianship **does not** eliminate the requirement that a final report or account be filed (*Probate Code 1600*). If the child has not reached the age of 18 and termination is requested, a court order is required, and a petition for termination of guardianship must be filed with the court.

The petition may be filed by the guardian or the minor's parent. The order terminating guardianship, however, is not automatically granted upon filing the petition. The court must be satisfied that the guardianship is no longer necessary and the **best interests of the minor** require termination of the guardianship.

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Petition for Termination of Guardianship	GC 255	01-01-06	2
Notice of Hearing Guardianship or Conservatorship	GC 020	07-01-05	2
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Proof of Personal Service of Notice of Hearing	GC 020(P)	07-01-05	1
Attachment to Notice of Hearing Proof of Personal Service	GC 020(PA)	07-01-05	1
Declaration Under Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act (UCCJEA)	GC120	01-01-07	2
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FILING FEE:

Petition for Termination of Guardianship.....\$ 180.00

Notice of Hearing.....\$ 40.00

If applying for the filing fee to be waived, request the proper forms from the clerk's office.

Assistance may be obtained from:

- ☒ Questions pertaining to legal matters or the proper completion of the appropriate forms should be answered by an attorney. See the Family Law Facilitator schedule enclosed in this packet.
- ☒ **Kings County Superior Court web site** is located online at www.kings.courts.ca.gov
- ☒ **Self-Help Center** located online at www.courtinfo.ca.gov. Judicial Counsel forms of California can be accessed, filled in, and printed at this website.
- ☒ A **typing or paralegal service**. A list of these services can be obtained from this office.

Please be aware of the following information:

- ☒ The Court will require the same adherence to all of the laws of the State and California Rules of Court, as if you were represented by an attorney.
- ☒ Clerk personnel are NOT PERMITTED to, NOR WILL THEY give legal advice or help in completing any form. *Please do not ask our clerks to give you legal assistance or advice.* The Clerk of the Court and his deputies are prohibited by law from rendering legal assistance or advice in court proceedings (Sec. 24004 & 68082 Gov. code). Persons appearing in their own behalf are responsible for preparing and presenting their pleadings in complete and proper form without legal assistance from deputies of the Superior Court Clerk's office. Questions pertaining to legal matters or the proper completion of the appropriate forms should be answered by an attorney

Preparing documents for filing:

- ❖ All pleadings and papers must be typed or legibly handwritten in blue or black ink.
- ❖ The law requires **your** name (petitioner), address, and telephone number be typed or legibly handwritten in blue or black ink in the upper left hand corner of all documents presented for filing.
- ❖ Each original form submitted for filing must be two-hole punched at the top.
- ❖ Personnel in the Clerk's office have been instructed not to file any papers which are not properly completed or assembled.

Forms and questions:

- ➡ **Notice of Hearing Guardianship** (form GC 020) – when submitting (original and copies), a court date will be issued and original and copies will be returned to you to have all parties served with a copy along with the **Petition for Termination of Guardianship**(form GC 255).

After service is complete file the original **Notice of Hearing Guardianship** with the court at least 5 court days prior to the hearing.

You must give proper notice of the hearing as required by law.

➡ **Order Terminating Guardianship** (form GC 260) – This form is submitted when you file your Notice of Hearing. The original and copies of this form is completed and lodged in the file (for judge to sign after the hearing).

If the court grants the termination, the judge signs this order and all copies will be conformed and available (after processing) after the hearing in the clerk's office.

How many copies do I make?

Make one copy for each party to be served in this case and an extra copy for yourself.

How do I make copies?

Each two sided copy must be tumbled (180°) (as presented in the packet)

Each **set** of forms must be *stapled*.

Who do I have served?

The people who are entitled to service are: Biological Mother, Biological Father, Biological Paternal Grandparents, Biological Maternal Grandparents, and any siblings over the age of 12.

What if all parties do not get served?

The hearing will not be held if all parties have not been served or service has not been attempted.

The form "Declaration of Diligent Search" is provided in this packet for parties that cannot be located/served.